



TREATY NO. 6



TREATY NO. 7



TREATY NO. 8

## ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION:** 30-03-2010#03 R

**SUBJECT:** Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP)  
Compliant Research with Alberta First Nations

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) known as the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs did meet in a duly convened assembly held March 29, 30, and 31 in Treaty No. 7 Traditional Territory at the Coast Plaza Conference Centre in the City of Calgary, Alberta; and

**WHEREAS** The First Nation Communities in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8, have been actively involved in Research specifically the RHS since 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, research funding agencies and or Government Departments/Agencies funding research are required to have a specific research mandate endorsed by the Alberta Chiefs with regards to Research in First Nations communities of Treaty No.6, Treaty No.7, Treaty No.8 (Alberta); and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the historical harm resulting from research in First Nations communities and First Nations assertions of governance over community information, the First Nations Information Governance Committee (FNIGC) developed the First Nations Longitudinal Regional Health Survey (RHS) Code of Research Ethics which contains the First Nations principles of OCAP with respect to our data, our information, and our traditional knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, Self-determination is a fundamental right of First Nation peoples as acknowledged in international law and by *Section 35* of the

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Canadian constitution. First Nations are actively taking steps to implement this right. The Canadian government has a duty to protect First Nation rights and title to a clear and acceptable standard as set out in the minimum standards defined by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Canada's duty to consult and accommodate First Nations is an integral component of acknowledging and protecting the right to self-determination.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that

1. the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs hereby immediately adopts a research mandate to implement Alberta First Nations Leadership's right to self-determination, control and jurisdiction in reliable research and accurate statistics, based on First Nations principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) of First Nations data and information in First Nations communities. The Chiefs continue to assert self-determination and OCAP principles, thereby ensuring any research conducted in their communities be OCAP compliant.
2. any collection, use and disclosure of our data, our information and our traditional knowledge must adhere to a First Nations of Alberta Information Governance model, clearly stating the Chiefs are stewards of their own data, that would require free, prior and informed consent and that leadership must be involved in every stage of research involving Alberta First Nations communities which reflect First Nation research ethics, values and accountability to Alberta First Nations Leadership in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta).

**MOVED BY:** Chief Rose Laboucan, Driftpile First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Charles Weaselhead, Blood Tribe

**DECISION:** Carried by Consensus

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
Resolution Chairperson – Bobbi Herrera